IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-13 and 19-26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 14-18 and 27 as indicated below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (currently amended) ~~The method as recited in claim 1,~~ A method for updating authentications in terminals from a central site comprising the steps of:

identifying a file associated with a binary executable boot code to update, wherein said binary executable boot code in said file comprises a first authentication;

updating said first authentication in said binary executable boot code in said file to become a second authentication;

identifying one or more terminals to be updated with said updated file, wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a read only memory configured to store said binary executable boot code comprising said first authentication; and

updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, wherein, upon updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, each of said one or more identified terminals stores said binary executable boot code comprising said second authentication in said read only memory;

wherein said first authentication comprises a first password and said second authentication comprises a second password.

Claim 5 (currently amended) ~~The method as recited in claim 1,~~ A method for updating authentications in terminals from a central site comprising the steps of:

identifying a file associated with a binary executable boot code to update, wherein said binary executable boot code in said file comprises a first authentication;

updating said first authentication in said binary executable boot code in said file to become a second authentication;

identifying one or more terminals to be updated with said updated file, wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a read only memory configured to store said binary executable boot code comprising said first authentication; and

updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, wherein, upon updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, each of said one or more identified terminals stores said binary executable boot code comprising said second authentication in said read only memory;

wherein said first authentication comprises a first authentication number and said second authentication comprises a second authentication number used to permit operation of software.

Claims 6-9 (cancelled

Claim 10 (currently amended) ~~The computer program product as recited in claim 7,~~ A computer program product embodied in a machine readable medium for updating authentications in terminals from a central site comprising the programming steps of:

identifying a file associated with a binary executable boot code to update, wherein said binary executable boot code in said file comprises a first authentication;

updating said first authentication in said binary executable boot code in said file to become a second authentication;

identifying one or more terminals to be updated with said updated file, wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a read only memory configured to store said binary executable boot code comprising said first authentication; and

updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, wherein, upon updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, each of said one or more identified terminals stores said binary executable boot code comprising said second authentication in said read only memory;

wherein said first authentication comprises a first password and said second authentication comprises a second password.

Claim 11 (currently amended) ~~The computer program product as recited in claim 7,~~ A computer program product embodied in a machine readable medium for updating authentications in terminals from a central site comprising the programming steps of:

identifying a file associated with a binary executable boot code to update, wherein said binary executable boot code in said file comprises a first authentication;

updating said first authentication in said binary executable boot code in said file to become a second authentication;

identifying one or more terminals to be updated with said updated file, wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a read only memory configured to store said binary executable boot code comprising said first authentication; and

updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, wherein, upon updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, each of said one or more identified terminals stores said binary executable boot code comprising said second authentication in said read only memory;

wherein said first authentication comprises a first authentication number and said second authentication comprises a second authentication number used to permit operation of software.

Claims 12-13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 13,~~ A system, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory unit coupled to said processor, wherein said memory unit stores a computer program, wherein the computer program is executed to perform the following programming steps:

identifying a file associated with a binary executable boot code to update, wherein said binary executable boot code in said file comprises a first authentication;

updating said first authentication in said binary executable boot code in said file to become a second authentication;

identifying one or more terminals to be updated with said updated file, wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a read only memory configured to store said binary executable boot code comprising said first authentication; and

updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, wherein, upon updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, each of said one or more identified terminals stores said binary executable boot code comprising said second authentication in said read only memory;

wherein said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals is updated via a network.

Claim 15 (currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 13,~~ A system, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory unit coupled to said processor, wherein said memory unit stores a computer program, wherein the computer program is executed to perform the following programming steps:

identifying a file associated with a binary executable boot code to update, wherein said binary executable boot code in said file comprises a first authentication;

updating said first authentication in said binary executable boot code in said file to become a second authentication;

identifying one or more terminals to be updated with said updated file, wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a read only memory configured to store said binary executable boot code comprising said first authentication; and

updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, wherein, upon updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, each of said one or more identified terminals stores said binary executable boot code comprising said second authentication in said read only memory;

wherein said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals is updated via a storage medium.

Claim 16 (currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 13,~~ A system, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory unit coupled to said processor, wherein said memory unit stores a computer program, wherein the computer program is executed to perform the following programming steps:

identifying a file associated with a binary executable boot code to update, wherein said binary executable boot code in said file comprises a first authentication;

updating said first authentication in said binary executable boot code in said file to become a second authentication;

identifying one or more terminals to be updated with said updated file, wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a read only memory configured to store said binary executable boot code comprising said first authentication; and

updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, wherein, upon updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, each of said one or more identified terminals stores said binary executable boot code comprising said second authentication in said read only memory;

wherein said first authentication comprises a first password and said second authentication comprises a second password.

Claim 17 (currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 13,~~ A system, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory unit coupled to said processor, wherein said memory unit stores a computer program, wherein the computer program is executed to perform the following programming steps:

identifying a file associated with a binary executable boot code to update, wherein said binary executable boot code in said file comprises a first authentication;

updating said first authentication in said binary executable boot code in said file to become a second authentication;

identifying one or more terminals to be updated with said updated file, wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a read only memory configured to store said binary executable boot code comprising said first authentication; and

updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, wherein, upon updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, each of said one or more identified terminals stores said binary executable boot code comprising said second authentication in said read only memory;

wherein said first authentication comprises a first authentication number and said second authentication comprises a second authentication number used to permit operation of software.

Claim 18 (currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 13,~~ A system, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory unit coupled to said processor, wherein said memory unit stores a computer program, wherein the computer program is executed to perform the following programming steps:

identifying a file associated with a binary executable boot code to update, wherein said binary executable boot code in said file comprises a first authentication;

updating said first authentication in said binary executable boot code in said file to become a second authentication;

identifying one or more terminals to be updated with said updated file, wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a read only memory configured to store said binary executable boot code comprising said first authentication; and

updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, wherein, upon updating said binary executable boot code in each of said one or more identified terminals with said

updated file, each of said one or more identified terminals stores said binary executable boot code comprising said second authentication in said read only memory;

wherein said binary executable boot code is Basic Input/Output System binary executable code.

Claims 19-26 (cancelled)

Claim 27 (currently amended) ~~The method as recited in claim 26,~~ A system, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory unit coupled to said processor, wherein said memory unit is operable for storing a computer program, wherein the computer program is operable for performing the following programming steps:

creating a file comprising a binary executable boot code, wherein said binary executable boot code in said file comprises an authentication;

identifying one or more terminals to store said file, wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a read only memory; and

storing said file in said read only memory in each of said identified one or more terminals, wherein each of said one or more identified terminals stores said binary executable boot code comprising said authentication in said read only memory;

wherein said authentication is an authentication number used to permit installation of software.